

proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for a division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. All points of order against the amendments except for clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI are waived. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman George Miller of California and Representatives Titus, Pingree, Perriello, Hunter and Roe.

ENERGY RESEARCH/DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Science and Technology: Held a hearing on New Directions for Energy Research and Development at the U.S. Department of Energy. Testimony was heard from Steven Chu, Secretary of Energy.

VISION CENTER EXCELLENCE

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on the Vision Center of Excellence: What Has Been Accomplished in Thirteen Months? Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: James Orcutt, M.D., Chief of Ophthalmology; and Madhulika Agarwal, M.D., Chief Officer, Patient Care Services Office, both with the Veterans Health Administration; Jack Smith, M.D., Deputy Assistant Secretary, Clinical Policy and Programs, Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

MEDICARE PAYMENT POLICY REPORT

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on MedPAC's Annual March Report to the Congress on Medicare Payment Policy. Testimony was heard from Glenn M. Hackbarth, Chairman, Medicare Payment Advisory Commission.

BRIEFING—NSA COMPLIANCE ISSUES

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: met in executive session to hold a briefing on NSA Compliance Issues. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 2009

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings to examine Department of Defense medical programs, 10:30 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Personnel, to hold hearings to examine the incidence of sui-

cides of United States Servicemembers and initiatives within the Department of Defense to prevent military suicides, 2:45 p.m., SH-216.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance and Investment, to hold hearings to examine risk management oversight at Federal financial regulators, 2:30 p.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Gary Locke, of Washington, to be Secretary of Commerce, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine nuclear energy development; to be immediately followed by a business meeting to consider the nomination of David J. Hayes, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of the Interior, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Finance: Subcommittee on Health Care, to hold hearings to examine what is health care quality and who decides, 2:30 p.m., SD-215.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: business meeting to consider S. 277, to amend the National and Community Service Act of 1990 to expand and improve opportunities for service, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Disaster Recovery, to hold hearings to examine findings from the Disaster Recovery Subcommittee Special Report and working with the Administration on a way forward, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the National Academy of Science's report Strengthening Forensic Science in the United States: A Path Forward, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: to hold joint hearings to examine the legislative presentation of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, 9:30 a.m., 334, Cannon Building.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies, on Critical On-going Satellite Climate Change Datasets, 10 a.m., and 2 p.m., H-309 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Defense, on Military Personnel-Army, 10 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies, on Public Witnesses, 10 a.m., and 2 p.m., 2358C Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, on Livable Communities, Transit Oriented Development & Incorporating Green Building Practices into Federal Housing and Transportation Policy 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, hearing on security developments in the areas of responsibility of the U.S. Southern Command, Northern Command, Africa Command, and Joint Forces Command, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Personnel and the Subcommittee on Readiness, joint hearing on Medical Infrastructure: Are Health Affairs/TRICARE Management Activity Priorities Aligned with Service Requirements? 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.